



SOLICITATION NUMBER: BV3902AD1
DUE DATE: 10/22/2002 @ 3:00 P.M.

STATE PURCHASING AGENT: BRENDA VELDEVERE
DATE ADDENDUM SENT: 10/08/2002

ITEM TO BE PURCHASED: **STATEWIDE CONTRACT FOR ON-SITE DRUG DETECTION
SCREENING TEST KITS**

ADDENDUM #1

Questions & Answers for RFP BV3902

Written questions received as of September 25, 2002, and the State of Utah's written answers (written questions are verbatim unless modifications were necessary to maintain the anonymity of the questioner):

1. **Q:** In the subject RFP, under **MINIMUM PRODUCT CATEGORY SPECIFICATION**, CATEGORY 2 and CATEGORY 3, those products that utilize the pipette method are restricted from participation in this RFP. Why have you established this restriction? It stifles competition and limits your options. This seems to us to be unwarranted and rather shortsighted, particularly since we know there is interest in our product among state agencies in Utah.
1. **A:** The test kits are being used in the field by parole and probation agents. The agents require a system that is easy and simple to use. The pipette system is messy, cumbersome and not easily used in a home or on the street. The pipette system also has a greater possibility of contamination and adulteration especially out in the field, which could cause the test results to be compromised in a court case. Which is unacceptable. The specifications stand as originally written.
2. **Q:** Will there is a panel of experts from across the state that helps decide which products to use? Will there be people from Adult Probation and Parole, Juvenile Probation, DOC institutions and Health and Human Services? You have outlined the criteria perfectly. I just had questions as to who will make the final decisions. Is it a panel of people or one person?
2. **A:** The evaluations will be conducted by a committee comprised of representatives from the Dept. of Corrections/Adult Probation and Parole, the Dept. of Human Services/Juvenile Court, and a Pathologist. The cost evaluation will be conducted by the Procurement Manager.

3. Q: Scope of Work – No. 18

RFP requires drug detection cut-off levels based on current and legally defensible Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) cut-off detection levels or by industry consensus standards (where applicable).

Current SAMHSA recommended cut-off level for opiates is 2,000 ng/ml but the RFP refers to 300 ng/ml. Please clarify. Thank you

3. A: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Industry Consensus Standards were used as standard but, the requests from the users was that the standard for opiates be lowered to 300 ng/ml. The specification stands as originally written.

The Division of Purchasing would like to thank all the potential offerors that submitted written questions. Your interest in this procurement to provide on-site drug detection screen test kits is highly valued and appreciated by the State of Utah.

**SOLICITATION DUE DATE REMAINS THE SAME
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2002
3:00 P.M.**

To acknowledge receipt of addendum, include a signed and dated copy of this addendum with RFP submittal. It shall be the responsibility of the offeror to appropriately disseminate this information to all concerned prior to the assigned RFP due date.

COMPANY NAME:

NAME:

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